

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 17, 2009 presents the examination of claims 1-19. All of these claims remain pending.

Claims 10-19 are indicated as allowed.

Claims 1-9 are rejected as anticipated or obvious under 35 USC § 102(b)/§ 103(a) over JP '745. The Examiner indicates that claim 2 may be allowable if rewritten to include all the features of the independent claim 1.

Claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate some of the features of claim 2. The Examiner indicates that the process steps recited in claim 1 will not suffice to confer patentability; some structural feature distinguishing the resulting product from the prior art must be recited.


Claim 1 is amended to recite such structural features as are sufficient to distinguish the invention from the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the standing rejection and allowance of all of claims 1-19 are requested.

If there are any minor issues remaining that can be addressed by a conversation, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below, to discuss the matter.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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